Judge John Erlick

Judge John Erlick was first elected to the King County Superior Court in September 2000 and is currently on the Superior Court's Executive Committee. He recently served as Chief Civil Judge for King County Superior Court and now presides over juvenile offender trials and hearings. He serves on the State Commission on Judicial Conduct and chairs the Superior Court Judges' Association (SCJA) Ethics Committee. He is on the Executive Committee and is President Emeritus of the William L. Dwyer Inn of Court. Judge Erlick has been appointed as the Dean of the Washington State Judicial College (2014-15).

Judge Erlick previously was the SCJA appointee to the State's Ethics Advisory Committee and also served as the chair of the King County Superior Court Ex Parte and Probate Committee, and on the Jury Committee, Governance Committee, Ad Hoc Duty Time Committee and King County Bench/Bar Efficiencies Task Force. He was the 2004 judicial co-chair of the King County Bench-Bar Conference. Judge Erlick is an adjunct professor in professional responsibility and the judicial externship program at Seattle University School of Law, where he received the Outstanding Adjunct Faculty Award in 2011, and is a Visiting Professor at the Far Eastern Federal University, in Vladivostok, Russia. He has also been involved as a coach and instructor in countless mock trial and moot court competitions. In addition to authoring numerous articles on professionalism and ethics, Judge Erlick has also lectured on these and other topics at judicial conferences, bar association meetings, and law schools. Prior to his election in 2000, he was in private practice, concentrating on defense of professional liability cases.

Judge Erlick graduated from Harvard College in Cambridge, Massachusetts with honors and from the Georgetown University Law Center with honors. He is a graduate of the National Judicial College.

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